

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) Set of equipment for a motor vehicle comprising:

- an inflatable structure comprising a side wall and an end wall, the inflatable structure having a folded configuration and a deployed configuration,

- a support for the inflatable structure,

- means for inflating the structure in a direction of inflation (D) in order to deploy the structure,

- a plate for spreading the load when an occupant of the vehicle impacts on the deployed inflatable structure, and

- means of guiding the structure as the structure deploys so that, in the deployed configuration, the structure extends along a median directrix line (L) distinct from the direction of inflation (D),

wherein the guide means comprise the side wall of the structure which, in the deployed configuration, is substantially taut, and

wherein the set further comprises a sheath forming the side wall of the inflatable structure and comprising an open first end fixed to the support and an open second end fixed to the load-spreading plate, the load-spreading plate closing off the open second end to form the end wall of the inflatable structure.

2. (previously presented) Set of equipment according to Claim 1, wherein the side wall of the structure has a first diagonal (d1) shorter than a second diagonal (d2) of the side wall so that, as the structure deploys, the side wall which is substantially taut along the first diagonal (d1) brings the structure towards the median directrix line (L).

3. (cancelled).

4. (previously presented) Set of equipment according to claim 1, wherein, when the structure is in the deployed configuration, the side wall extends substantially over its entire periphery along generatrices parallel to the median directrix line (L).

5. (previously presented) Set of equipment according to claim 1, wherein the median directrix line (L) is intended to be inclined upwards with respect to the direction of inflation (D) when the set of equipment is installed in a motor vehicle.

6. (previously presented) Set of equipment according to claim 1, the set constituting an element for protecting the knees of an occupant of the motor vehicle.

7. (previously presented) Motor vehicle comprising a set of equipment according to claim 1.